

ARMADILLO

PERHAPS TOMORROW IS CLOSER THAN WE THINK...

	Total Units
Winter, 1902: AUSTRIA: Build A Budapest	6
ENGLAND: Remove F Holland	3
FRANCE: Constant..Build A Paris(GOL /A/)	5
GERMANY: Build A Berlin	6
ITALY: Build F Rome	5
RUSSIA: Build A Warsaw	4
TURKEY: Build F Smyrna	5

And from The House of Coop:

There can be no doubt as to which way the fight is swinging. It would seem that the alliance between France, England, and Russia is in trouble. France held her own, but is doubtful whether she can survive much longer as Germany finally builds a long-awaited army. Italy now seems able to hold France in check in the Med; that France should remove the defeated fleet indicates that she is turning to the task of stopping Germany. England seems to be in the most precarious position at the moment. Germany is still capable of taking the North Sea, which could prove disastrous to England. She must depend on French support, but is doubtful as to how much longer France will be able to provide it. Russia now has a foothold in Scandinavia; her land defenses should prove tougher than previously thought. Turkey has turned the corner however, and will force Russia to fight a two front war; one which might prove too much for her. Austria seems in good position; with Turkey occupying Russia in the east, she may be able to break the Russian front. It will all depend on how true the alliances on the board are: Should Germany decide to aid any one of the countries around her, it could make the difference between survival and annihilation. Likewise, should Russia persuade a neighbor to join her, she could once again become a power to be reckoned with. If things remain as they are, it should not last much longer as far as Russia and England are concerned. We shall have to wait and see...

The House of Coop has them this way after Winter, 1902:

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| 1) GERMANY (Hirsch) | 5) FRANCE (deNorris) |
| 2) AUSTRIA (Coop) | 6) RUSSIA (Norris) |
| 3) TURKEY (Fang) | 7) ENGLAND (Miller) |
| 4) ITALY (Chitlik) | |

AND HOT OFF THE INTERNATIONAL TELETYPES:

CONSTANTINOPLE FREE RADIO: The Grand Vizier announces a national holiday after the results of the last tumultuous battle. Scouts report Moscow in flames, no doubt due to the ingenious work of Turkish saboteurs in the beleaguered city. The Grand Potentate also announced the Ottoman Empire welcomes the oppressed peasants of Russia. Since Sevastopol has been liberated from the soldier-dogs of the putrid Czar, long live freedom wherever it may reign!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PARIS: Winter, 1902. General DeNorris has released the following bulletin to the French United News Kronicle: Citizens of France, with the close of 1902 at hand, I thought it appropriate to state my views on European affairs as they now exist. First of all The French Empire faces the challenge of overcoming the evil alliance of Ausrtis and Italy. It is our contention that the Pope has been duped into a needless position of aggressor against the French people. In the hopes that the Pope is a sane man, and desirous of peace, I have ordered the scrapping of the French fleet in the Gulf of Lyon. I ask His Holiness to accept this gesture as a sincere one and to join with me in my fight to destroy I rving the Irritating. As for Germany, I can only hope my spies are incorrect when they tell me that Kaiser Hirsch knew full well that Munich would fall to Italy adn that he is a third member of an "Arlington Alliance!". Belguim will soon be in English hands and only by working with France can the Kaiser hope to regain Munich. It hax always been my deepset hope that Russia and Turkey would realize their common bond of friendship and join in a task to eradicate the menace of Austria-"Hungry". At this time, that hope appears dim. Obviously the conniving Coop has hoodwinked Vizier Fang into moving North, while leaving his western flank vulneralbe to double-cross, an event which I predict to be soon in forthcoming. Our only true friend lies in King Big Wave the Benevolent. Long may his surfboard glide over Europe's waters. We must hope that England and Russia unite in Scandanavia, drive out the imperialistic Germans, and thrust towards Austria. Fellow Frenchmen, do not despair! DeNorris shall lead you to greatness. I promise this for one very good reason: I cannot allow the fate of Europe to be in the hands of the wicked Arch-Duke. His disgusting practive of frequenting Georgetown's sleazier bars, his complete disregard for the hunger of friends in the province of Clancy, his pitiful performance on the fields of battle in the regions of the Episcopals, his atrocious record of gamling (and losing), his immoral activities with the women of Haas, and his association with the totally assinine, imbecilic, spastic, stupid, and downright ugly Ambassador Carroll, convince me that Irving, Arch-Duke of Poop, must be destroyed. I pledge myself to that end. 'Herr Coop, I shall see you flat on your back in the Tombs of Cardinal Puff-Puff.'

BERLIN: The time has come to destroy the mencae threatening our country. Munich shall be reclaimed for the Reich. The Arch-Duke is a threat to the free peoples of the World. He must be punished. In the words the immortal Cheech and Chong: "Bailiff, whack his pee-pee."

BUDAPEST(RAP): Following is the text of the State of the Union address delivered by Arch-Duke Irving at the close of his second year in office: My fellow Austrians: I come before you today with a heavy heart. The situation in Europe looks like gravy. The French are fried. The Turkey looks well done. The dressing of the Russians is going smoothly. However, all is not cooking. The recent construction of a fleet in Smyrna by our allies to the South

is viewed with grave concern by the government. This can be construed only as an act of war, and will be dealt with as such. No doubt, the Sheik has been influenced by the evil General DeNorris. This does not surprise me, for it seems that with the admirable exception of The Pope, none of the present leaders of the powers of Europe are capable of thinking for themselves. They are being led, as in the case of King Big Wave, into that splendid surfing ground in the sky. Under the guidance of the General, England has suffered miserably on the seas. One needs only to look to the Gulf of Lyon to see how able a naval commander the General is. Or shall we look to Russia to see how well an advisor in military tactics the General is. I would pray (but it's against my religion) that these leaders would realize what is happening to them before they are led into oblivion. People of Europe, as I have said before, you have nothing to fear but fear itself. The General is running scared, and must resort to scandalous lies to attempt to cover his own ineptitude. He does not want the people of France and Europe to know what he has been doing while his armies and fleets have met with defeat after defeat. He has spent his time safe on his American plantation in

Williamsburg, using imported slaves from the very country he is attempting to woo, sipping mint Schlitzes, and reading Modern Romance. In his fanatical attempt to be 'in', he has let his governesses go braless, let his hair grow below his ears, and removed his Wallace sticker from his carriage. But do not be fooled by this charade: the General is still a loser! He shall be destroyed! His followers will surely meet with disaster! Victory shall rest with the mighty!

VIENNA(RAP): The Minister of Exports today confirmed the shipment of two mule drivers to an undisclosed location. High government sources, however, expressed belief that the drivers were bound for the Russian province of Warsaw, where later this year the Arch-Duke will be presenting the ASS to the Czar.

SUMMARY OF RETREATS, FALL, 1902: F Sweden (Russia) to Norway
F GOL (France) annihilated
F Holland (England) annihilated

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ARMO And The House of Coop hit only 50% of their playoff predictions. Cleveland didn't quite come through with that upset, and Washington just barely missed. Undaunted by this, the House of Coop sees the Super Bowl like this: DALLAS...20 MIAMI...6 as Adderly, Green, and Harris shut off Warfield; Lilly and Co. dump Griese; Hayes and Alworth have field days; and Thomas rushes for 100. Only little Garo keeps Miami close in the first half with two 3-pointers. Staubach will complete 59% of his passes and throw for 2 touchdowns. And the House of Coop will redeem itself!